

## **FAMILY COURT**

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled</b>				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,141	6,692	551	9.0%
Kent County	2,973	2,428	-545	-18.3%
Sussex County	4,686	3,402	-1,284	-27.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>12,522</b>	<b>-1,278</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Mediation Dispositions</b>				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,227	4,256	29	0.7%
Kent County	2,035	1,510	-525	-25.8%
Sussex County	3,001	2,128	-873	-29.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,263</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>-1,369</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>

### **Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2014**

1. Mediation is the process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a commissioner or judge.
2. Custody, support, visitation, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in some previous fiscal years.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.